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Letter dated 12 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the note dated 28 May 2009 from the Government of the Argentine Republic to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in which it objects to and rejects the entire contents of the submission made by the latter on 11 May 2009 to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, which refers to the continental shelf of the Argentine Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 23, Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and refers to the submission made by that country on 11 May 2009 to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Government of the Argentine Republic recalls that General Assembly resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25 concerning the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) recognize the existence of a dispute over sovereignty and urge the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations in order to find a peaceful solution to that dispute at the earliest possible opportunity.

Without prejudice to the representations that will be made in due course by the Government of Argentina to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf with respect to the United Kingdom submission of 11 May 2009, the Government of the Argentine Republic firmly objects to and rejects the entire contents of the submission made by the latter on 11 May 2009 to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, which refers to the continental shelf of the Argentine Republic. Furthermore, the Government of the Argentine Republic rejects the references in point 7 of the submission to the illegitimate British authorities that have been established in the disputed archipelagos, which are not recognized by the Government of the Argentine Republic.

The Government of the Argentine Republic reasserts its legitimate right of sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, which are an integral part of its national territory.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Buenos Aires, 20 May 2009